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DEPARTMENT OF  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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George H. Ryan, Governor • Brent Manning, Director

April 23, 1999

Mr. D. E. Risinger, District Engineer  
Illinois Dept. Of Transportation, Dist. 4  
401 Main Street  
Peoria, Illinois 61602-1111

RE: Phase I  
Eastern Ring Road  
Macomb Area Study  
FAP 313 (U.S. 34)

Attention: A. C. Mills

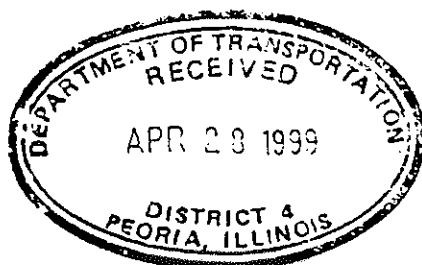
Dear Mr. Risinger:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the above referenced projects. It is important that the Department of Natural Resources be involved in the review process to assure resource protection and compliance with the state Endangered Species Protection Act and the Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of 1989.

Please address all correspondence to Mr. Steve Hamer of the Office of Reality and Environmental Planning, Division of Natural Resource Review and Coordination at 524 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Sincerely,

Steve Hamer  
Transportation Review Program  
Division of Natural Resource Review





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P.O. Box 19283  
Springfield, IL 62794-9283  
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June 10, 1996

William Elzinga  
Environmental Task Manager  
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11665 Liburn Park Rd.  
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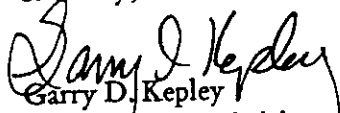
Dear Mr. Elzinga:

Re: U.S. Route 34 Location Study, Gulfport to Monmouth, Illinois, Illinois  
Department of Transportation (IDOT), Job No. P-94-030-95

Enclosed are Illinois Agricultural Statistics - Annual Summaries for 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

If you need additional information for this project, please feel free to contact Larry Aldag at (217) 492-4295.

Sincerely,

  
Garry D. Kepley  
Deputy State Statistician

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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
701 North Main  
Monmouth, IL 61462

June 11, 1996

Mr. William Elzinga  
Environmental Science & Engineering, Inc.  
11665 Lilburn Park Road  
St. Louis, MO 63146-3535

Dear Mr. Elzinga:

The following is the information that was requested by ESE for the proposed improvement of U.S. Route 34. This information pertains to the improvement area located in Warren County, Illinois.

This area is predominately used for agricultural production. The crop rotations consist of corn and soybeans and program participation in this area is approximately 100%. There are no unusual resources noted for this specific area.

Concerns for this improvement site include loss of prime farmland and erosion due to ongoing construction. These concerns should be considered during the planning phase of this project so that each can be properly addressed.

I have also enclosed the soil maps that you requested of the project area. If you need any additional information, please contact me at the Warren County Field Office at 309-734-8569.

Sincerely yours,



Cathy Froelich  
District Conservationist  
Warren County

Enclosures



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 4  
401 Main Street / Peoria, Illinois / 61602-1111  
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November 20, 2001

**BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**  
FA Route 313 (US 34)  
Carman Road to US Route 67  
Warren & Henderson Counties  
IDOT Job No. P-94-030-95

United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
2118 W. Park Court  
Champaign, IL 61821

Attention: State Soil Scientist

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a revised Form AD-1006 for the proposed improvement of the existing two lanes of US Route 34 to a four-lane divided highway. The study corridor is approximately 24 miles in length and extends from Carman Road to the vicinity of Monmouth, IL. The enclosed aerial (Figure 1) provides the right-of-way requirements for the preferred alternative. The Form AD-1006, submitted on August 2, 2001, calculated the "Total Acres to be Converted Directly" for the total right-of-way (existing plus new). The enclosed Form AD-1006 has been revised and recalculated so that the "Total Acres to be Converted Directly" entry includes all land cover types (cropland, woodland, orchard, old field, farmstead/residential, pasture/hay land, public lands, open water, prairie, and wetlands) with the exception of industrial, public, and pavement, for the new right-of-way for the preferred alternative. The "Total Acres to be Converted Indirectly" has been re-evaluated and it has been determined there are no acres to be converted indirectly. Information regarding the total acres of conversion by soil mapping unit in each county and the soil classes are also attached for your review and use.

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The proposed improvement has been developed by considering a number of alternatives and by carefully reviewing the environmental impacts, including farmland conversion. Progress meetings were held in 1998 with Illinois Department of Agriculture representatives to apprise them of the alternatives under consideration.

If there is additional information that would facilitate your review or analysis, please do not hesitate to contact Paula Green of IDOT at (309) 671-3478.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer



By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
Program Development Engineer

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cc: Kris Erickson -- Harding ESE, St. Louis  
Jim Hartwig -- IDOA  
Paula Green

## U.S. Department of Agriculture

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING****PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)**

Date Of Land Evaluation Request 11/9/01

Name Of Project FA Route 313 (U.S. 34)

Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Authority

Proposed Land Use Right-of-Way

County And State Henderson &amp; Warren Counties, IL

Date Request Received By SCS

**PART II (To be completed by SCS)**Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland?  
(If no, the FPPA does not apply — do not complete additional parts of this form).Yes ☐ No ☐

Acres Irrigated

Average Farm Size

Major Crop(s)

Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction

Acres: %

Amount Of Farmland As Defined In FPPA

Acres: %

Name Of Land Evaluation System Used

Name Of Local Site Assessment System

Date Land Evaluation Returned By SCS

**PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)**

A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly

Site A 677

B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly

Site B 0

C. Total Acres In Site

Site C 677

**PART IV (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Information**

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland

B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland

C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted

D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value

**PART V (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Criterion**

Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)

**PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)**

Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))

Maximum Points

1. Area In Nonurban Use

2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use

3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed

4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government

5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area

6. Distance To Urban Support Services

7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average

8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland

9. Availability Of Farm Support Services

10. On-Farm Investments

11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services

12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use

TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS

160

**PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)**

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)

100

Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)

160

TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)

260

Was A Local Site Assessment Used?

Yes ☐No ☐

Site Selected:

Date Of Selection

Reason For Selection: